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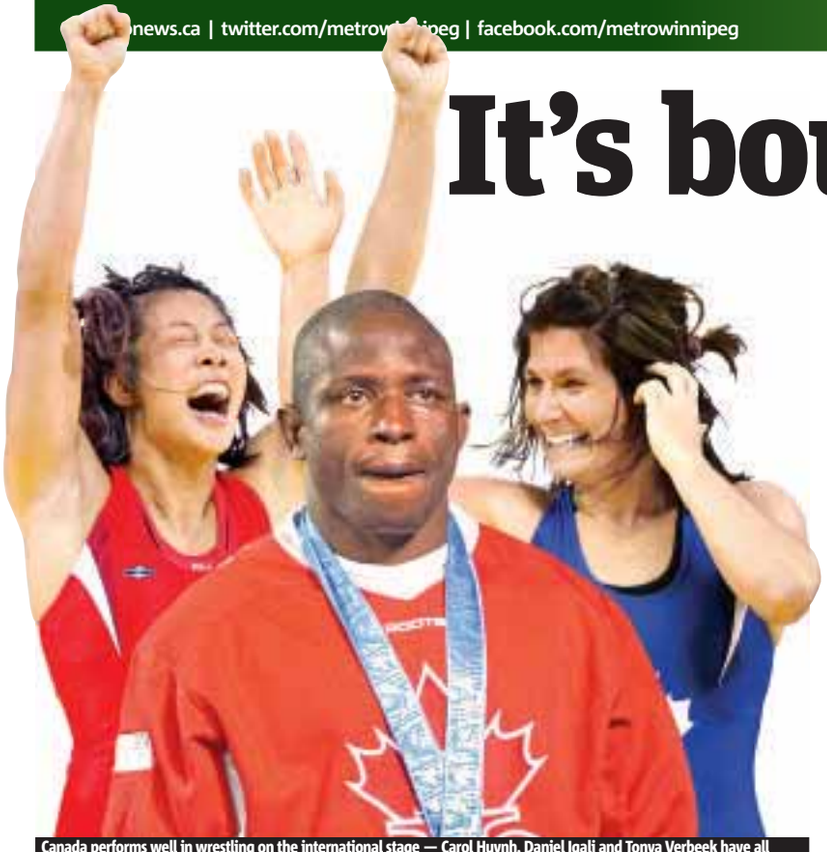

Canada performs well in wrestling on the international stage — Carol Huynh, Daniel Igali and Tonya Verbeek have all medalled at the Olympics. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS, DAVID HENFELDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Wrestlers have Olympic fight on their hands.

'We're combative people,' Wrestling Canada president says

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

The international wrestling community is gearing up for a fight to keep the sport in the Olympics, launching a lobbying campaign no one knew was needed until Tuesday's surprise decision by the International Olympic Committee.

"We didn't even know we were on the chopping block," said Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan.

Canada performs well in wrestling, especially since women's wrestling became an Olympic sport in 2004. Daniel Igali won gold in 2000, as did Carol Huynh in 2008, who also won bronze in 2012. Tonya Verbeek won silver in 2004 and bronze in 2008 and 2012.

The IOC executive board announced it is recommending freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling be dropped from the Olympic program, a decision that is set to be ratified in May.

"We're wrestling. We're combative people. We're going to pull our sleeves up and get to work on saving our sport for 2020," Ryan said.

If the decision is ratified, wrestling will join seven other sports — baseball/softball, karate, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, wakeboarding and wushu — to lobby for inclusion in the 2020 games.

Huynh, who won gold in Beijing, expressed her shock over Twitter: "Can't believe IOC is cutting wrestling! Huge blow to our sport all over the world."

The sport's governing body, the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), was already scheduled to hold its bi-annual meeting in Phuket, Thailand, this weekend. It will now focus on the Olympic problem, Ryan said.

After the 2000 Olympics, FILA changed some rules in effort to make the sport more exciting. Rounds were shortened and scoring was simplified. At the upcoming meeting, FILA was to discuss encouraging "more high-action moves" and making scoring easier to understand, said Ryan.

Modern pentathlon and taekwondo were seen as more likely to be cut from the Olympics than wrestling. Asked about the lobbying efforts, sponsorships, power and money involved in those sports, Ryan said he hopes the IOC's decisions aren't made on that basis.

While the IOC has not given a concrete reason for the decision, it claims it's based on a report that analyzes numerous factors, including television ratings, ticket sales, anti-doping policy and global participation, as well as popularity.

"This is a process of renewing and renovating the program for the Olympics," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "It's not a case of what's wrong with wrestling, it is what's right with the 25 core sports."

Ryan said wrestling's lobbying consists of presenting values of the sport, which includes its global representation from more than 180 countries, how it has sold out tickets to events in all of the Olympics since 1996, and that it is affordable.

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Gaining popularity

"With MMA, a lot of the top athletes, including Georges St-Pierre, have wrestling as a base, and a lot more kids are going out to get that wrestling background now."

Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan

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Tilting at puppy mills

Province abruptly scraps licensing for dog breeders, a move that worries director of local pet shelter PAGE 2

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Voting. City should be able to choose own election date: Katz

Mayor Sam Katz said a city request to the provincial government for changes to legislation allowing them to pick their election date is about increasing voter turnout.

"The key thing is you want to make sure that whatever the election date is, you're giving as many citizens as possible the opportunity to come out and vote," Katz said on Tuesday.

"You want to make sure that if you have to have a little maneuverability, that option exists."

Currently, the city of Winnipeg and Local Authorities Election acts require the vote to take place on the fourth Wednesday of October every four years.

This means the next civic election would be Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

City officials would like the ability to pick the day in October, including Saturday or Sunday.

"In elections at all levels, voter turnout has not been what any of us would like, whether it's federal, provincial or civic," added Katz.

"Now we just wait for the province. I don't think this is something that should take too long."

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Resignation

MLA Taillieu steps down

Morris MLA Mavis Taillieu announced Tuesday she is resigning from her post.

The 10-year MLA said she plans to focus more on family, including helping her sons with a new business venture. METRO

4Life. Police partnership to benefit at-risk youth

Winnipeg Police Chief Devon Clunis' goal of using social development to prevent crime got a shot in the arm Tuesday with a partnership between city police and the 4Life Foundation, a national non-profit dedicated to providing opportunities for at-risk youth.

"To change our city we need to impact the lives of young people," said Clunis at a noon-hour press conference at Hugh John Macdonald School. "We need to be a city and a society that provides opportunities."

The 4Life Foundation works in troubled neighbourhoods across Canada providing at-risk youth opportunities through sport, education, music and dance, according to the charity's website.

Two Blue Bombers have joined the 4Life staff in Winnipeg to run school lunch sports programs at a number of city schools.

Police officers, cadets and educators will also provide a consistent mentoring network for kids through the partnership.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Pizza's a little burnt

The Arson Strike Force is investigating after a North End business went up in flames Tuesday morning. Firefighters were called to 1051 Main St. just after 11 a.m. when heavy smoke was seen pouring from the building. No one was injured in the fire. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Losing licences bad for dogs, shelter says

Backyard breeding. Program suspended by province's top vet due to the quality of inspections

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News the provincial government has without fanfare scrapped requirements that Manitoba dog breeders be licensed has sparked worry at a local not-for-profit pet rescue shelter.

The province's chief veterinarian officer, Dr. Wayne Lees, told CBC on Monday that his office temporarily suspended the program after having trouble with the quality of inspections by contracted-out inspectors.

Lees was not available for an interview Tuesday, but a spokesperson with the province confirmed the licensing has been suspended while a review is completed.

Carla Martinelli-Irvine, director of Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter, told Metro the province should have instead levied fines against the contractor or found a different company to do inspections.

"It makes no sense to me that you would scrap the whole program just because you can't find people to do inspections properly," she said.

"There are a lot of backyard breeders in Manitoba ... and I think it will just get worse because now there is zero accountability."

Know your breeder

Martinelli-Irvine advises anyone looking for a dog to first consider adopting from a no-kill shelter like Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter, but said those buying through a breeder should always insist on meeting the breeder at their property to see the conditions first hand.

Carla Martinelli-Irvine says it was a mistake to suspend licensing requirements for breeders. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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A banner year

Rose Dominguez from Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, front, and Red River College Graphic Design students Sarah Brazauskas, back left, and Christel Nadeau show off one of the new banners that went up around Chinatown Tuesday as part of Downtown BIZ's annual Chinatown Banner Competition. Nadeau designed the pictured banner, which celebrates the Year of the Snake and will hang for the rest of the year, while a second banner designed by Brazauskas will be used as the new Chinatown district banners for the next four years. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Mayes donates allowance money to Save Our Seine

Coun. Brian Mayes said he's chosen to donate $28,000 of the $40,000 increase to ward allowances to Save Our Seine. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Controversial increase.
St. Vital councillor giving chunk of his ward cash bump to charity

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A Winnipeg city councillor is donating a big chunk of a controversial cash increase to his ward allowance to a local environmental group.

Coun. Brian Mayes (St. Vital) said he's hopeful his grant of $28,000 to Save Our Seine makes it through Thursday's governance committee meeting.

Save Our Seine, in turn, has committed to using that money to hire an executive director, which they've been without since the fall of 2011, said volunteer vice-president Denis De Pape.

"They do good work, it's an environmental group that's bringing the Seine River back into people's thinking," said Mayes, adding funding for this organization was one of his campaign promises.

Mayes not only voiced his opposition to the $600,000 increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance (CRA), which works out to an extra $40,000 per councillor, he also proposed an unsuccessful motion at the Jan. 16 executive policy committee meeting to decrease the amount to $16,000 per ward.

"That failed, of course, the amendment. I'm not going to refuse it, (instead) I can do something positive with it, for Coun. Vandal's and my wards," said Mayes, referring to Coun. Dan Vandal's St. Boniface ward, which the Seine also runs through.

Save Our Seine members told Mayes the top item on their priority list was funding for the position of executive director and are now pleasantly surprised that it's happening.

"Coun. Mayes has made it clear that there are no guarantees beyond this year … In the future, we have to find other funding."

Save Our Seine has as its mandate the protection, preservation and enhancement the Seine River greenway.

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"They do good work."

Coun. Brian Mayes (St. Vital), on why he's donating a big chunk of a controversial cash increase to his ward allowance to a local environmental group.

Winnipegger creates The App That Never Ends

A Winnipegger's idea for a simple app took him to numerous countries over a nine-month period, and he expects the final product to go global.

Donovan Martin, whose regular job is in the insurance industry, said he thought of the idea for The App That Never Ends when his new BlackBerry's scroll button conked out on him last year.

"I tried to scroll and scroll," said Martin, "wandering around the screen with my finger and I thought this might be a neat idea for a game."

The game's premise is simple: Follow a moving line as long as you can. But what's so addictive, added Martin, is that the player doesn't know how far they've gone until they effectively end the game by lifting their finger from the touchscreen.

Martin said, as a father, he also wanted to create a non-violent game that his children could play.

"I'm so in it for the long haul," he added. "I've always been fascinated by apps and this idea came to the fore."

Martin said though the game itself is basic, it was actually a programming feat to create.

Among the challenges the programming teams in the U.S., Hong Kong, Philippines, India and China faced was how to get the line to move randomly, how to program it to stop when the user lifted his or her finger, and how to avoid crashing when the lines touched.

The App That Never Ends retails for $0.99 and can be purchased through the Apple Store.

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The App That Never Ends is the brainchild of Winnipegger Donovan Martin. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

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Patrick Brazeau. Senator shows up for work in time to be put on forced leave

Senators have voted to force Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who is facing criminal charges, to take a leave of absence.

The Conservative motion passed Tuesday "to protect the dignity and reputation of the Senate and the public trust and confidence in Parliament."

Brazeau, 38, made a surprise appearance just prior to the vote, which also gave a Senate committee the power to cut off access to his expense account.

Brazeau, who is currently free on bail, has been charged with assault and sexual assault.

If convicted, he could either be suspended or expelled by the Senate or he could choose to resign.

Brazeau was charged on the very day a Senate committee declared it would call in auditors to review his housing expenses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anti-Senate

32%

A Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll says 32 per cent of respondents feel the Senate should be abolished.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau leaves a vote in which he was forced to take a leave of absence by the Senate chamber. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wanted ex-cop believed to have died in burning cabin

California. Deputy killed in latest shootout with man thought to be Christopher Dorner

The extraordinary manhunt for the former Los Angeles police officer suspected of three murders converged Tuesday on a mountain cabin where authorities believe he barricaded himself inside, engaged in a shootout that killed a deputy and then never emerged as the home went up in flames.

A single gunshot was heard from within, and a charred body was found inside.

TV helicopters showed the fire burning freely with no apparent effort to extinguish it. Smoke rose into the sky above the snow-covered woods near Big Bear Lake, a resort town about 128 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

If the man inside proves to be Christopher Dorner, the search for the most wanted man in America will have ended the way he expected — death, with police in pursuit.

Thousands of officers had been on the hunt for the former Navy reservist since police said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing. They say he threatened to bring "warfare" to officers and their families, setting off a search for him across the Southwest and Mexico.

After the man holed up in the cabin, there was a second gun battle with San Bernardino County deputies, two of whom were shot. One died, and the other was expected to live after surgery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wasn't yet identified

"We have reason to believe that it is him."

Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman on the man inside the blazing cabin.

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Man matching Dorner's description stole vehicle, tied up two women in Big Bear

The cabin in Big Bear, Calif., where ex-Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner was believed to have barricaded himself, burns unopposed on Tuesday. KABC-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Got a zombie plan? Quebec prepares to beat back the endless ranks of the dead

If the unbreathing hordes do rise one day to take their long-awaited revenge against the living, Quebec's public security department plans to be ready.

Participants at an annual symposium on civil security next week will be discussing, among other topics, how they would handle a zombie attack.

A department spokesman says the exercise has a serious purpose: the drill is meant to simulate a real-life catastrophe.

"When we're talking about zombies, we're talking about a training concept," says Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery.

Hypothetical zombie attacks are becoming a popular emergency-preparedness teaching tool. Even the Centers for Disease Control in the United States has used the tactic. It has a graphic novel on its website dubbed Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic.

The idea behind the exercise is that if you're ready to fend off the shambling legions, you're probably ready for anything.

"Just about every U.S. state has adopted this type of exercise," Landry said.

British Columbia conducted a similar exercise last May, hoping to generate awareness of social media tools that could help in real emergencies.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security held yet another exercise last September.

But don't expect any fake blood or face-paint at the event in Laval, near Montreal. Landry says there won't actually be a ghoulish dramatization.

The event will consist of several hundred first responders, civil-security experts, firemen and municipal officials.

The zombie workshop will take place over three days. Participants will deal with a number of issues: infections, infrastructure damage, death, housing issues, work absences and the drop in tourism.

Landry says the vengeful dead will force officials to think outside the box.

"The idea is for them not to get caught in a scenario they already know — for example, the annual flooding in the Monteregie or the 1996 Saguenay floods or the 1998 ice storm," Landry said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infectious horrors

"It's ... designed to prepare authorities for any kind of disaster, right up to pandemics."

Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery with the Quebec civil security department

Marc Ouellet

Stephen Colbert fears Canuck pope

Is the world ready for a Canadian pope? Stephen Colbert says no.

Colbert devoted most of his satirical news show The Colbert Report to coverage of the pope's resignation, including papal candidates such as Quebec native Cardinal Marc Ouellet.

"The Pope cannot be polite," said Colbert. "I'm sorry but 'I think God might not want you to use a condom, eh' won't work."

He also feared Ouellet might replace the golden staff with a hockey stick.

"After all, God's an American," Colbert explained. "That's why the Bible is in English." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starvation worries

May be time for polar bear welfare: Report

Several top scientists say it may soon be time to start setting out food for some polar bear populations.

In a new paper, the researchers argue the loss of sea ice the bears use to hunt is so advanced in some areas the predators may need help to survive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

State of the Union.

Speech reflects Obama's war command shake-up

U.S. President Barack Obama said Tuesday he will bring home within a year about half of the 66,000 troops now in Afghanistan, shrinking the force to the size he found it when he entered the White House vowing to reinvigorate a stalemated war.

More will leave the battlefield in 2014, he said, but he did not spell out what U.S. military presence would remain after 2014, when the U.S.-led combat mission is scheduled to end. The stated goal is to prepare Afghanistan's army and police to handle the Taliban insurgency largely on their own by then.

Obama said that his war goals could be achieved by bringing 34,000 U.S. troops home by this time next year, leaving somewhere between 32,000 and 34,000 to support and train Afghan forces.

Without going into specifics, Obama said the phase-out of American combat troops in Afghanistan will continue in 2014. "This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over," he said, adding that al-Qaida is no longer the threat it was on Sept. 11, 2001.

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U.S. President Barack Obama gestures toward Vice-President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner before his speech. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama: 'Nuclear tests do not make North Korea more secure'

A South Korean protester shouts slogans during an anti-North Korea rally following the report of a nuclear test conducted by North Korea.
LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unbridled threat.

International community decries atomic testing that could lead to the development of a missile-bomb powerful enough to hit the U.S.

Defying U.N. warnings, North Korea conducted its third nuclear test in the remote, snowy northeast on Tuesday, taking a crucial step toward its goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on a missile capable of striking the United States.

North Korea said the atomic test was merely its "first response" to what it called U.S. threats and said it will continue with unspecified "second and third measures of greater intensity" if Washington maintains its hostility.

The underground test, which set off powerful seismic waves, drew immediate condemnation from Washington, the U.N. and others. Even its only major ally, China, summoned the North's ambassador for a dressing-down.

President Barack Obama, who gave a State of the Union address later Tuesday, said nuclear tests "do not make North Korea more secure." Instead, North Korea has "increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," he said in a statement.

But the Obama administration's options for a response are limited, and a U.S. military strike is highly unlikely.

In an emergency session, the U.N. Security Council unanimously said the test poses "a clear threat to international peace and security" and pledged further action.

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"(North Korea has) increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction."

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'Marriage for all' bill. France's lower house approves gay marriage

France's lower house of parliament approved a sweeping bill on Tuesday to legalize gay marriage and allow same-sex couples to adopt children, handing a major legislative victory to President Francois Hollande's Socialists on a divisive social issue.

The measure, approved in the National Assembly in a 329-to-229 vote, puts France on track to join about a dozen mostly European nations that allow gay marriage and comes despite a string of recent demonstrations by opponents of the so-called "marriage for all" bill.

Polls indicate a narrow majority of French support legalizing gay marriage, though that support falls when questions about the adoption and conception of children come into play.

The Assembly has been debating the bill, and voting on its individual articles in recent weeks. The overall legislation now goes in the coming weeks to the Senate, which also is controlled by the governing Socialists and their allies.

With Tuesday's vote, France joins Britain in taking a major legislative step in recent weeks toward allowing gay marriage and adoption — making them the largest European countries to do so. The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Spain, as well as Argentina, Canada and South Africa have authorized gay marriage, along with nine U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The issue has exposed fault lines between a progressive-minded leftist legislative majority in officially secular France, and the country's conservative religious roots. Critics have railed that the bill would erode the traditional family. Socialists, however, sought to depict the issue as one of equal rights.

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Equal rights

"Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

France's Revolution-era motto. Governing Socialists depicted the same-sex marriage and adoption issue as one of equal rights, and they played off the famed motto.

A little samba at Carnival

Performers from the Unidos de Vila Isabel samba school parade during Carnival celebrations at the iconic Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro, Tuesday. Rio de Janeiro's samba schools vied for the title of the year's best in the all-night-long Carnival. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paparazzi pics. Pregnant Kate in bikini? Royals condemn planned publication

Royal officials in Britain have expressed disappointment that paparazzi shots of Prince William and his wife on a beach holiday in the Caribbean may be published by an Italian magazine.

St. James's Palace said Tuesday that publishing the photos would be a "clear breach of the couple's right to privacy."

The palace did not say whether officials would be prepared to take legal action against the gossip magazine.

The photos reportedly show the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge — the former Kate Middleton — wearing a bikini and strolling on a beach with Prince William on the island of Mustique.

The Italian gossip magazine Chi was reportedly planning to publish the pictures Wednesday.

Last September, the magazine — which is owned by former Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi — published a 26-page special featuring topless photos of the duchess while she and William vacationed in the south of France.

The royal couple took legal action to halt the use of those intimate photos, but had only limited success.

Although a French court ordered the gossip magazine Closer to stop further publication of the pictures, they went on to be published in Berlusconi's Chi, as well as other publications across Europe.

They also received wide publication on the legally hard-to-control Internet.

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The Duchess of Cambridge is seen in London after viewing a portrait of herself in January. GETTY IMAGES

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When Benedict's gone, he'll really be gone: Vatican

New pope by Easter.
Plan for monastery retirement suggests post-papacy life will be 'very quiet,' says spokesman

A statuette of Pope Benedict XVI. The sign's inscription means "goodbye." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Vatican went out of its way Tuesday to declare that for Pope Benedict XVI, retirement means just that: Retirement.

With speculation swirling around his future role, the Vatican's chief spokesman explicitly stated that Benedict will not influence the election of his successor. And he deepened the sense of finality by saying that Benedict's papal ring and other powerful emblems of authority will be destroyed after his Feb. 28 abdication — just as they are after a papal death.

So, while the first papal resignation in 600 years has left behind a vast uncharted territory to navigate — how does one address or even dress a retired pope? — the church has tried to send a clear message that Benedict will not be pulling strings from behind the scenes.

His brother, Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, says the pope will be withdrawing even further from religious life — probably even giving up his beloved theological writing.

"The pope will surely say absolutely nothing about the process of the election," spokesman Fr. Federico Lombardi said.

The Vatican has already picked out the pope's home: a four-storey building attached to a monastery on the north edge of the Vatican gardens. Spokesman Greg Burke said the fact that he has chosen to live in a monastery "suggests that his role is going to be ... very quiet."

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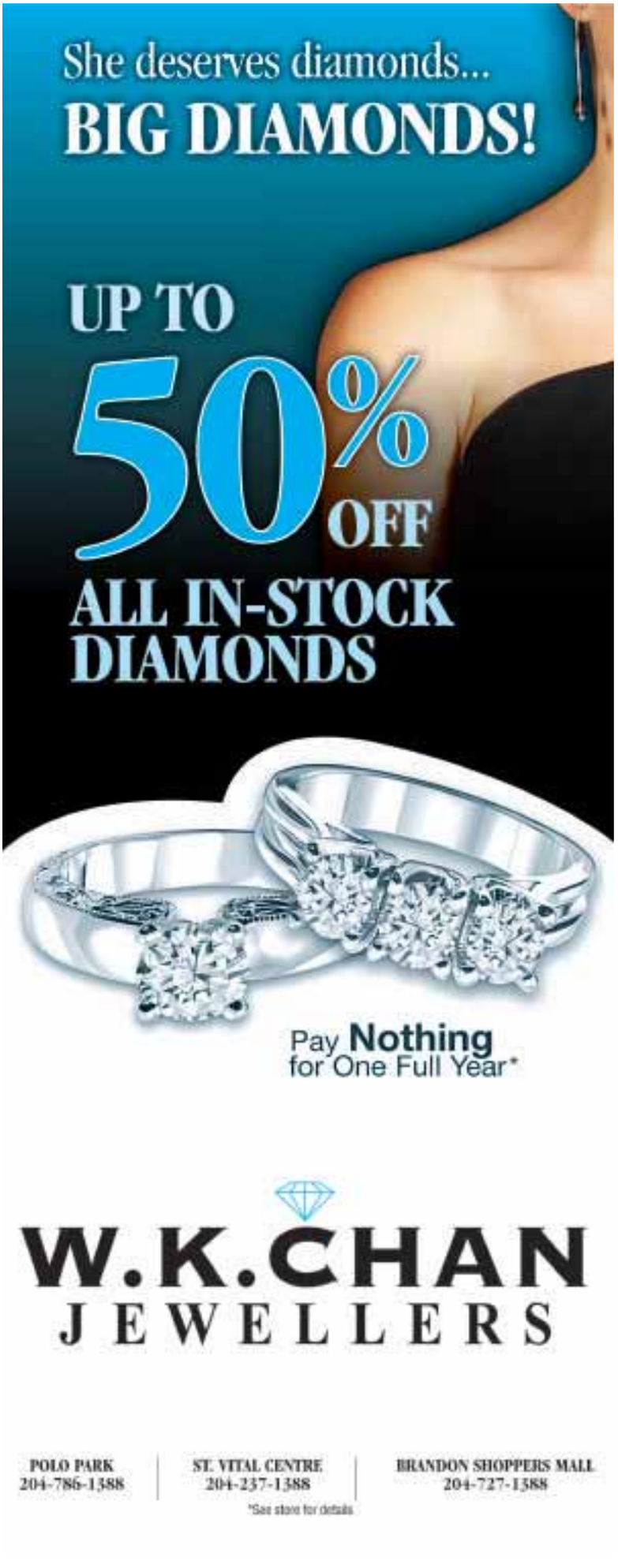


KEYS TO E-DATING SUCCESS: HOW TO SHINE ONLINE

If you do decide to find romance on the Net, keep these tips in mind to create a winning dating-site profile

Relationship. Establish the type of relationship you are looking for. Are you looking for a fling, casual dating or a potential long-term relationship? After you establish a clear goal, it will be easier to find an online dating service that suits your needs.

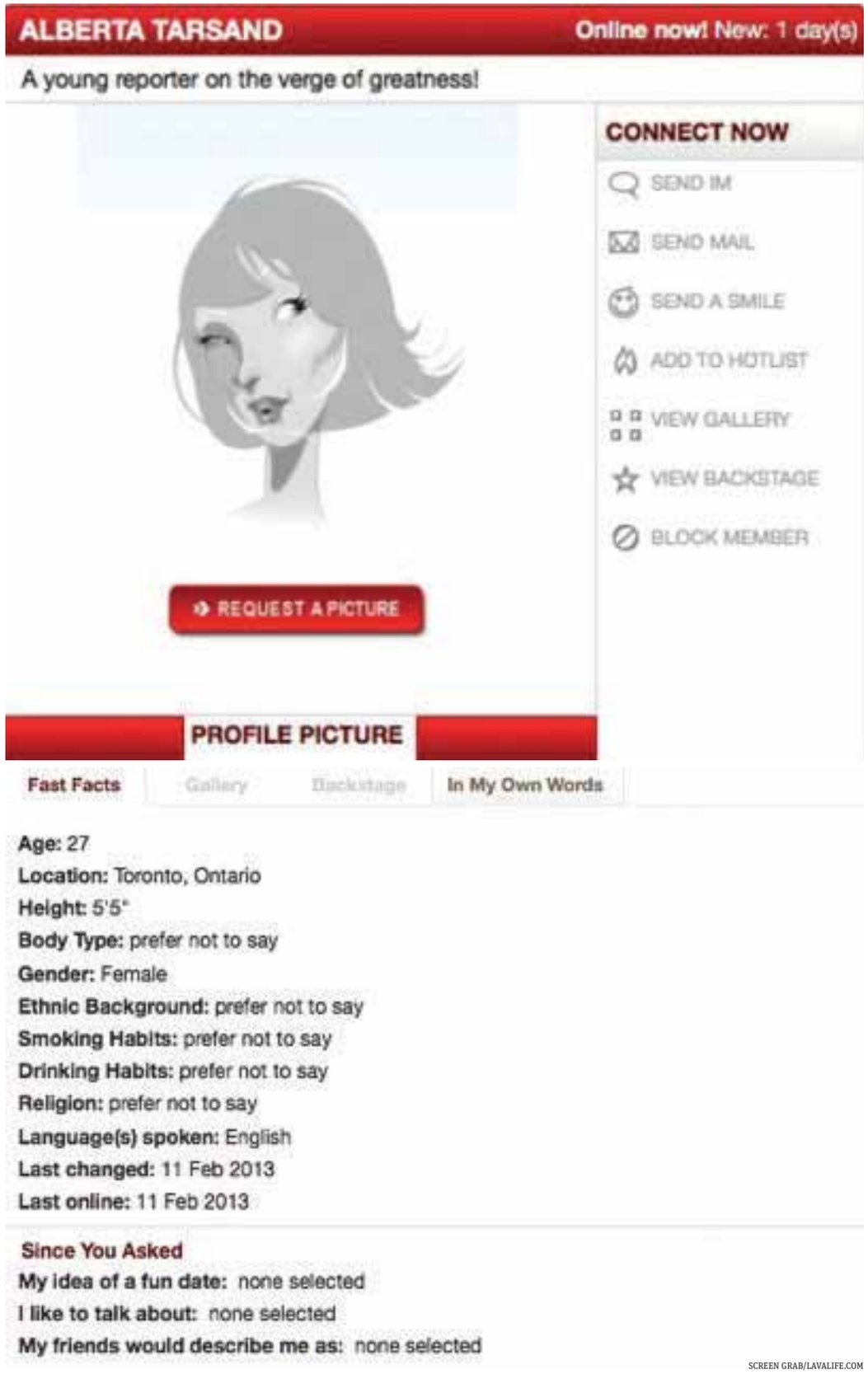
Profile name. Depending on the type of online-dating website you sign up for, your username should indicate you are serious about meeting people. Avoid names with numbers or "xx." Just your first name should suffice if you are wary about using your full name.

Profile photo. Pick a recent photo that shows your true self (not super drunk, not dressed for the clubs and no bikini shots). The most important part is to look confident and happy without trying too hard, and you will attract positive suitors.

Personal facts. Be honest in your profile, especially when it comes to age, body type, whether you smoke or drink and if you have kids. You wouldn't want the people you meet online to lie about who they are, right?

About me. Your description should be brief, but make it stand out. Try not to sound too cliché but do take this part of the profile to talk about who you are and why you're trying online dating. Are you too busy with work to go out to the clubs every weekend but are looking to meet someone worth your time?

Interests. Describe your idea of a perfect first date, as this will give an indication of what you like to do for fun. Describe something that sounds engaging and interactive, such as hanging out in a board-game café or playing a round of miniature golf.



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Both paid and free dating websites have their positives and negatives, experts say. SCREEN GRAB/OKCUPID.COM, LAVALIFE.COM, PLENTYOFFISH.COM, EHARMONY.CA

Should you pay to play the dating game?

Where to go. Paid and free sites tend to attract different types of clients with different sets of priorities, experts say

RYAN TUMILTY
Metro in Edmonton

When preparing to jump into the online dating universe, is it better to jump in with just your heart or with your wallet as well?

As online dating sites have cropped up, some have opened their doors to members free of charge, while others have monthly subscriptions for those looking for love.

Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider, argues that paid sites are there for more committed individuals who are interested in serious relationships.

"It just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't," said Moffit. "They are ready to make an investment in their love life."

Moffit argues that any online dating is a good thing, but people on paid sites are more likely to be taking their search seriously.

"They are more likely looking for some of the same things you are," she said.

Quoted

"(Paying for a site) just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't." Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider

Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach, said both types of sites have advantages, but free sites tend to attract a different type of prospective dater.

"If they are going to go on the free sites, then they need to be prepared to put in a lot more time sifting through, because the free sites attract people with all levels of goals," she said.

Part of the benefit of paid dating sites is that they attract fewer people, she added.

"You can spend twice as much time sifting through profiles on the free dating sites," she said.

Julie Spira, author of the book The Perils of Cyber-Dating, said she and her clients see benefits to both types of sites.

"It is very common for someone to pick a paid site, and then they will also pick a free site."

She said free sites attract huge numbers of people, which can be appealing simply for the sheer quantity of prospective partners.

"Because they are free ... they have huge critical mass," she said.

Spira said clients who pay for a dating site tend to pay more attention to the service.

"I find that a lot of them log into their paid sites more often because they are invested," she said.

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Stay safe. Don't let your heart get you in trouble online: Cops

While the new online dating world is full of opportunities, it can also be full of peril.

Police have noticed that the excitement that comes with online romance can attract the wrong type of people — those who may cause physical or financial harm.

Acting Sgt. Kathy Macdonald with the Calgary Police Service said new relationships sometimes prevent people from seeing the bigger picture.

"When people get wrapped up in a relationship, they can't see what's going on," she said.

Macdonald said fraud artists using online dating sites can go after many potential victims in just one day.

"They will often get a hold of a lot of people at the same time," she said.

According to Macdonald, scam artists often approach someone and strike up a conversation before claiming to have run into sudden and unexplained financial difficulties.

She said if they receive money from their victims, new problems will emerge, and there will be more requests for help.

Macdonald said there could also be physical dangers and she cautions people to take things slowly in the early days of a new relationship.

"Listen to your intuition and be aware of your surroundings," she advised.

Macdonald said making the first date a group meeting is a good idea, but it's essential that it be in a public place and that you tell people where you're going.

"Really, you don't know that person; you don't know who is going to show up."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

E-Bytes: Five free iPhone apps for tech-savvy couples

- **Couple App.** Couple is like Facebook, but it can only be shared by two people. You can send messages, chat via Facetime, share photos and video, create moments via doodles and track important dates and tasks. There's also a "Thinking of you" button when that's all you want to say.

- **Avocado App.** Like Couple, Avocado is shared with only one special person. You can send private messages, track milestones together and share them on Twitter as a pair and even send virtual hugs and kisses so you're never too far away from your sweetheart.

- **Tokii App.** Tokii helps you get in touch with your partner's feelings. You can send each other notes starting with "I feel" or "You're making me feel." The app aims to keep couples engaged and aware of one another's moods by providing interactive games and relationship advice, which can take your relationship to the next level.

- **Wunderlist 2.** Although not exclusively for couples, nothing is more annoying than your partner forgetting to pick up the dry-cleaning or something at the grocery store. Wunderlist 2 helps couples plan, share and keep track of tasks and even plan vacations together. It's able to sync the lists across all the devices you are using.

- **Between App.** Between is a private-messaging space that lets you and your partner create a chronological timeline tracking the special moments in your relationship. You can bookmark your favourite memories, such as photos and messages, and store them in a Memory Box, as well as find date-night deals via the Event Box.

Phone charges. Rogers, Telus urge watchdog to scrap the wireless cap

Two of the country's largest telecom companies have some advice for Canada's telecommunications regulator as it considers imposing new rules for cellphone contracts: Scrap the $50 cap.

A $50 spending limit on extra wireless data charges is one of several ideas on the table as the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission holds hearings on a proposed new wireless code.

But executives from Rogers Communications and Telus say a spending cap would be a bad idea.

"That's very disruptive to customers," Rogers' regulatory chief Ken Engelhart said Tuesday. "It's very disruptive to be cut off."

Under the CRTC's draft code, wireless companies would have to suspend some services when a customer reaches either $50 in additional charges over and above what they pay for their monthly plan — through roaming fees, for example — or an amount each consumer would set.

Earlier Tuesday, Telus told the commission it already caps charges incurred outside Canada at $200, according to the Financial Post.

There are better ways to warn customers about their data usage, such as alerts sent to a handheld device, Rogers executives said.

The telecom regulator is holding a week of hearings in Gatineau, Que., as it aims to set national standards for the content and clarity of cellphone contracts.

Much of the testimony so far has focused on the length of cellphone contracts, locked devices and roaming and cancellation fees.

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Rogers

"Even with these precautions, Rogers recognizes that some customers remain concerned about data services ... This is why (the company) supports requiring near-real-time alerts ..."

Raj Doshi, head of products at Rogers
on the measures the company is taking to prevent excessive cellphone charges.

Multinationals not paying their fair share: OECD

Fat cat tax. Global forum report claims lenient taxes create competitive disadvantage

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says large multinationals are using legal loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and that global solutions are needed to combat the problem.

The OECD report says many rules designed to protect multinational corporations from being double-taxed go too far and sometimes allow them to pay no taxes at all.

It says such rules do not properly reflect today's economic integration across borders, the value of intellectual property or new communications technologies.

The G20 countries commissioned the OECD study, which was released Tuesday ahead of a weekend meeting of finance ministers and central bankers from 20 of the world's leading economies.

The OECD says the gaps that enable multinationals to eliminate or reduce their taxation give them an unfair competitive advantage over smaller businesses.

That hurts investment, growth and employment and can leave average citizens footing a larger chunk of the tax bill, the OECD says.

"These strategies, though technically legal, erode the tax base of many countries and threaten the stability of the international tax system," OECD Secretary General Angel Gurria said Tuesday in releasing the study.

"As governments and their citizens are struggling to make ends meet, it is critical that all taxpayers — private and corporate — pay their fair amount of taxes and trust the international tax system is transparent."

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The right rates

- The report does not suggest optimal tax rates, since each government decides that on its own.
- However, the OECD said that in coming months it will draw up a plan in co-operation with governments and the business community that will further quantify the corporate taxes lost and provide concrete methods and timelines for reinforcing the integrity of the global tax system.

Can't go to the show? Pass it on

Ticketmaster will now allow fans to transfer tickets to friends or family digitally at no extra charge. Ticket buyers must sign into their accounts at Ticketmaster.com and email the tickets to recipients, the company said Tuesday. The technology will be incorporated into its mobile app this spring ahead of the summer concert season. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Economic forecast

Regional salary divide deepening

A new economic forecast says salaries in Saskatchewan and Alberta are going up faster than expected while Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia are lagging.

The Conference Board of Canada's latest forecast says Canadian non-union salaries are projected to rise three per cent nationally — in line with its summer estimates — but notes regional differences have become more pronounced.

Salary growth in Ontario and British Columbia is projected to be 2.5 per cent and Quebec's growth is only slightly higher at 2.7 per cent — all lower than forecast in the summer.

By contrast, Alberta's increases are now expected to come in at 3.9 per cent, which is one-tenth of a point better than expected, while the estimate for Saskatchewan has been raised by three-tenths of a point to four per cent.

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Discussion ban

N.Y. town sued for fracking hush

Two environmental groups filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday against Sanford, an upstate New York town, claiming it violated residents' right to free speech by banning discussion of natural gas drilling at town board meetings.

Natural gas development using high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a major political issue in the state, with Gov. Andrew Cuomo expected to decide soon whether to lift a 4 1/2-year-old moratorium on it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Money manipulation

Global currency war could hurt Canada: Carney

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is warning that the Canadian economy would be damaged by a global currency war and that it would do little good to join the manipulators in trying to boost exports.

The outgoing bank governor made the comments Tuesday to a Canadian parliamentary committee after he and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty signed a Group of Seven statement denouncing exchange rate manipulation.

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Aircraft

Bombardier still top business jet supplier

Bombardier retained its position as the world's largest business jet manufacturer in 2012 despite an 11 per cent drop in the value of its global deliveries in the fourth quarter, an industry association reported Tuesday.

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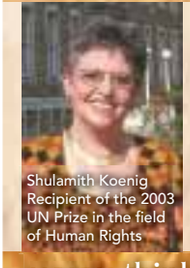
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WILL BENEDICT GET TO KEEP HIS POPEMOBILE?

JUST SAYIN'
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The Pope can't retire, can he?

I was under the impression that he had to stick it out to the bitter end, like poor old John Paul II, who endured two assassination attempts, Parkinson's, a number of cancer scares and a tracheotomy, finally expiring close to his 85th birthday after 25 years on the Papal Throne.

But Benedict the XVI isn't waiting for Heaven to call, announcing, in Latin no less (which adds the kind of gravity only a dead language can deliver), that he's gone at the end of the month.

Seeing as a pope hasn't resigned since 1415, no one is quite sure what to think or do. I mean, who wants to be the pope when there already is one, albeit retired, looking over your shoulder? It's hard enough being infallible; try it when there's a former incumbent with 20-20 hindsight (even more infallible) kicking around.

Big shoes to fill

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Along with how can you go from being infallible to inactive, Benedict's announcement prompts numerous questions.

For instance, will they set up a retirement wing at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer retreat, complete with a putting green where the retired pontiff can play a little golfo?

Does he have to give back the Shoes of the Fisherman? Or does the new pope get to shop for new shoes?

How about the Keys to the Kingdom? Does he have to hand them in to the Swiss Guards at the end of his shift on Feb. 28?

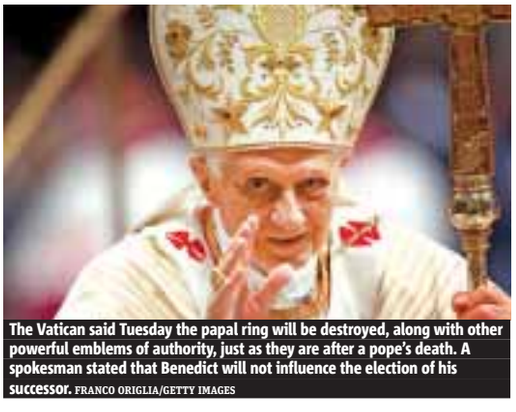
Ex-presidents get to keep their secret security details; does a retired prelate get to keep the Popemobile so he can tool around Rome in relative comfort and security?

What do we call a former pope? Your Former Holiness? Is he still holy, or is there only enough holiness for one pope at a time?

Benedict is more than a little conservative — and more than a little cranky. So the College of Cardinals is going to have to take that into account when anointing the next Pope. How can they pick a big (literally) liberal like John XXIII when Benedict is still around, quick to observe that they'd never get away with that when HE was Il Papa?

Still, Benedict's timing is almost infallible. The papacy is in real need of a refresh. Along with the usual threats from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, Roman Catholicism has been rocked by a series of unholy scandals, some of them involving the Vatican (the, er, butler did it). A new, progressive pope could go a long way in recapturing the spiritual high ground.

Let's hope that whoever he is, he's ready to shop for a new pair of shoes.



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Unlikely bedfellows bunk up

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San Diego Zoo

Cheetahs make dogs companions

It may sound like a doomed love story, but some dogs love big cats.

Cheetahs are the fastest mammals in the world, but they also are the world's biggest scaredy-cats — so much so that they don't breed easily and are in danger of extinction.

Some zoos are introducing "companion dogs" to serve as playmates and to provide the cats with an example.

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Dinner time

"In this relationship, the dog is dominant, but we look for dogs that want to be a buddy ... Dogs worry about their cats. They protect their cats."

Janet Rose-Hinostroza, animal training supervisor at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Rose-Hinostroza said that because the dogs are the dominant animal in the relationship, mealtimes are always spent apart. The dogs eat kibble, and the cheetahs eat steak. "If they ate together there would be one really fat dog and a really skinny cheetah," she said.

Endangered species

Population drops over 100 years

A century ago there were 100,000 cheetahs in the wild, said Jack Grisham, vice-president of animal collections at the St. Louis Zoo. Today there are fewer than 12,000. The species has become extinct in at least 13 countries. There are about 280 captive cheetahs in zoos across the U.S.

As efforts to save the species continue, Grisham worries there is no wild to send them home to because habitat is being swallowed up by developers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick like a cheetah

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A cheetah's claws don't retract, so they have footing that takes them from zero to 96 kilometres per hour in 3.4 seconds.
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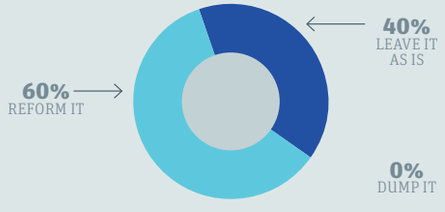

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Beautiful franchise?

Finding the next cash cow

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Film studio executives are always on the lookout for properties that can be spun into profitable movie franchises.

And for good reason.

Following an interesting set of characters over the course of multiple movies can be a cash cow. The James Bond movies have earned more than $6 billion, while Harry, Ron and Hermione have raked in almost $8 billion since their series debut in 2001.

This weekend producers are hoping to kick off the Beautiful Creatures franchise. The supernatural romance has Twilight-ish overtones, a cast that mixes new stars like Emmy Rossum with established faces like Viola Davis and Emma Thompson.

But not all movies catch on with audiences in the way that the super spy and wizard have.

I Am Number Four, starring Alex Pettyfer and Glee's Dianna Agron, fizzled. Rotten Tomatoes said, "familiar plot and unconvincing performances add up to one noisy, derivative and ultimately forgettable sci-fi thriller." Not really the stuff of ongoing franchises.

With sales of more than 60 million copies, the book series Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events seemed to have natural franchise possibilities. With 13 books in the collection there's source material galore, but even though the Jim Carrey movie did well no sequels emerged.

Emmy Rossum stars in Beautiful Creatures. CONTRIBUTED

Good girl gone bad

Emmy Rossum. Actress ditches 'nice girl' roles to play deadly siren in Beautiful Creatures

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Actress and singer Emmy Rossum is tired of playing the good girl, which is why she jumped at the chance to take on the role of deadly siren Ridley in the screen adaptation of the best-selling young adult novel Beautiful Creatures. Being bad, she insists, is just more fun.

The film's leads, Alden Ehrenriech and Alice Englert, said they initially passed on the film and had to be convinced to do it. How about you?

No, I was totally selfishly wanting to be in the movie because this is such a fun character. I read (the script) and then I read the first book and auditioned, got the part and was overjoyed. I love the character, she's so ballsy and fun and a different kind of villain than we're used to seeing.

With this and Shameless, you're playing some really interesting, juicy characters, different from the types of roles you started with.

Nice girl roles, mhmm. Playing the nice girl in Day After Tomorrow, Poseidon, Phantom of the Opera, those kinds of characters were coming more easily to me in terms of just getting the parts. I think that these characters for me were just more thrilling because I like to try to find the humanity and emotional understanding of characters that don't always do the right thing. I think that grey area is more fun to explore, it's more close to real life. What I like to do in characters is play against what you think that stereotype of that person would be.

You think about this girl (in Beautiful Creatures) who's a villain, who's happy to watch men get run over by trains walking toward her, you think of somebody who's quite malicious. But if you play it with a sense of fun and happiness, all of a sudden it becomes, "Oh, that's an interesting choice."

Congratulations on the season four renewal for Shameless.

Thank you. I'm excited to see where the character could go. The rest of this season has me working in different jobs until I seem to kind of find a steadier job as a telemarketer for a company called Universal Cup that makes disposable beverage cups. And I have a very cute, interesting boss, which can prove to be a problem.

You have a new album out, Sentimental Journey, with songs from the mid-20th century.

It's an ongoing struggle and negotiation with my own brain, trying to figure out what project gets what amount of time. But I really wanted to make this record, which is kind of why I did it with my own money and then partnered with Warners to release it, because I've always loved this kind of music. This is all the music that I grew up with, so there were obvious ones that I wanted to put on, like Frank Sinatra's Summer Wind and Apple Blossom Time, and then there were others that kind of fell into my lap.

Hey, a man needs to finance his castle

With more than 30 years of work in film behind him, Jeremy Irons has an impressive average for what work he's proud of.

"I think I'm very happy that I've been a part of about 80 per cent of what I've done," Irons says. "The other 20 per cent I would not mention, certainly, because I would like them to disappear off the face of the universe. But at the time I must have done them for a reason."

His latest, Beautiful Creatures, finds Irons as the patriarch of a supernatural southern family, based on the best-selling young adult books series.

An 80 per cent success rate is a pretty fantastic average for an actor.

I've been lucky, yes. I think it's because I never chase the paycheques. I've always done the work that I was attracted to. I did a big project doing up an old medieval castle that was very expensive, and there were a couple of things during the middle of that where I just went off and earned some cash doing movies that I probably wouldn't have done normally.

For castle upkeep?

For castle building, yeah. It had been derelict since 1603, so there was a lot of work needed. But normally I do work that I rate, you know? And get paid more or less depending on what the budget is on the movie. So I suppose that's why the average is 80 per cent. It's harder for kids now, I think. When I started out in theatre, earning 12 pounds, 10 shillings a week ... I never became an actor to become rich or famous.

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You have a distinct voice. Do people ask you to record their voice mail messages?

Sometimes, yeah. It depends how well I know them, sometimes I'll do it. What I haven't done is sat-nav for a car. That would probably be quite interesting. I'm not sure I'd have the patience. I'd like to give it a bit of personality, though.

What's next?

Well, once I've got all these (movies) out, which should be about the end of February, I hope to have a break, because I've had a solid two years and I want to stop for a few months, maybe do a little bit of writing.

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Jeremy Irons CONTRIBUTED

Lending a voice to animated aliens

Escape from Planet Earth. Metro talks to Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry about their new film, nerd-burgers and family flicks

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Escape from Planet Earth hits theatres Feb. 14. CONTRIBUTED

Escape from Planet Earth stars Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry sit down with Metro to talk about their new animated film — but things get silly pretty fast. And Alba has a special message to kids: don't be too popular in high school.

You've been doing this together for a bit. At what point do you just start messing with each other in interviews?
Rob Corddry: God no!
Jessica Alba: I don't know. No, I would never do that. That's, like, so rude. Plus, he's like my elder, so I just try not to be disrespectful.
RC: That's true. So you sense the wisdom, and you just want to sort of bathe in it. You want to bathe in my wisdom.
JA: Yeah, I do. I mean just the fact that I'm even here is ... it's a blessing. I'm very lucky. I'm pinching myself. Is this a dream?
RC: This is really good for me, thank you.

How many times do you think audiences need to be told before they finally figure out that smart people should be respected?
RC: That it's a good thing, being smart? Well, this is a very good time for nerds in general. So hopefully you're seeing it a lot more because it is more pervasive now, and kids will want to be smart.
JA: Like, anyone who peaks in high school is a loser in life. So don't peak in high school.
RC: Yeah, do poorly in high school.
JA: Socially! Don't peak socially. Just make sure you're unpopular. Right?
RC: Oh God, yeah. I hope my kids are just nerdy introverts.
JA: Nerd-burgers.

What do you look for, as parents, in a family film?
RC: I like to enjoy it myself. It makes it a lot easier, right?
JA: Something that you don't hate is awesome as a parent.
RC: Because you're going to watch it a lot. We're lucky, too. I think it's a good time to be parents in terms of media. Like, I missed the whole ... what are the Australian dudes that sing?
JA: The Teletubbies? And the Wiggles. And the Barney.
RC: The Barney. We missed all of that. We have Pixar, and [Escape from Planet Earth]. So that's great.

Well, I like to see that you're not actually tearing each other apart.
JA: Just wait till you leave. It's on.

Exclusively online

Metro also caught up with Escape from Planet Earth co-stars Sofia Vergara and William Shatner. While Vergara had some kind words for her fans back home in Colombia, things got a little weird with Shatner. To see the video, go to metronews.ca

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Mila Kunis

An endorsement for being single from Mila Kunis

Mila Kunis may have gone pretty quickly from a nine-year relationship with Macaulay Culkin to her current beau, former That 70s Show co-star Ashton Kutcher, but she still looks back fondly on her bachelorette days.

"For four years I was single," she tells Allure magazine, calling her days without a boyfriend "an amazing time. I love being single."

The Word

Meet Eau de Pizza Hut

THE WORD
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Let's cut to the chase on this item: Pizza Hut has launched a promotional perfume called Eau de Pizza Hut.

The chain is giving away 24 bottles of the stuff. To get your own, send tweets to @PizzaHut with the hashtag "LastMinuteLovers." Each package also includes a $20 Pizza Hut gift card for Big Pizza Sliders or Lovers Pizza.

"The cologne has a slightly sweet base scent of freshly rising dough, but finishes decidedly savoury with hints of Italian spice like oregano, vine-ripened tomato sauce, the crispness of fresh-sliced vegetables and all wrapped by wafts of cheesy goodness," Ashlee Firsten of Aromachology, a custom perfumery in New York said in a press release.

"It's really a quite complex combination of aromas that results in the hunger-inducing smell of a fresh Pizza Hut pizza."

It also helps if the sniffer is drunk.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

The four-year-old that makes more than you

Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, the four-year-old daughter of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, is already earning some impressive cash.

The toddler was reportedly paid $3,000 a week for a small role in her mom's upcoming film, Maleficent, according to contracts obtained by TMZ. The tot — whose twin brother, Knox, doesn't appear in the film — also received a per diem $60 for expenses each day she was on set. Older siblings Pax, 9, and Zahara, 8, also filmed cameos in the film, though it's unknown how much they earned.

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Meetings, meetings, and mooooore meetings today!

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Just chipped my front tooth on a Charm pop. Oh, the irony. I look like I should be drinking moonshine.

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There may have been a time when Puerto Rico was a cheap getaway but those days are long gone. Puerto Rico is heavily dependent on imported goods and fuel and that's reflected in prices from a taxi ride from the airport to the mojito at your hotel. But there are, of course, some cheap options. There are also things to do that don't cost anything at all. Here are five of them.

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5 Free things to do in Puerto Rico

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Beaches

There are plenty of beaches here — about 300 according to some estimates. In the capital, Isla Verde Beach is good for swimming and lolling on soft sand, groomed daily. Playita del Condado is a protected cove that is ideal for young kids and a surprisingly good place to snorkel for being in the middle of San Juan. Things get much better outside the capital. Crash Boat, about an hour west of San Juan, is great for swimming and snorkelling. Farther west in the west coast town of Rincon is Maria's, which has great surf.

El Yunque

About a half-hour drive from San Juan, thanks to a relatively new toll road, is an actual tropical rainforest, the only one that is part of the U.S. forest system. El Yunque National Forest is a cool oasis on a hot day. The well-maintained trails are often shrouded in misty clouds and you can cool off in a waterfall or a river pool along the relatively easy Big Tree Trail.

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El Morro

There's an entrance fee to enter the Castillo San Felipe del Morro, but the best way to enjoy this U.S. National Historic Site requires no money at all. The fort that towers over San Juan Bay, known universally as just "El Morro," is a great place to stroll, especially at sunset. The massive rolling expanse of grass at the foot of the fort has spectacular views in any direction. It's a popular place to picnic and fly a kite, sold by nearby street vendors.

Old San Juan

At the foot of El Morro is the old city, the colonial heart of San Juan. In recent years, Old San Juan has been on an upswing. Its cobblestone streets are cleaner and livelier. New stores, restaurants and coffee shops have opened and many of the old homes have been restored. It's a working city, home to the governor's office and mansion — said to be the oldest in the western hemisphere — as well as other government offices and an increasing number of professional firms. It's also become an increasingly busy cruise ship port. Outlet and luxury goods shops have proliferated in response.

Music and Salsa

A good place to catch free live music several nights a week is the Plaza Mercado, a fruit and vegetable market in Santurce, a neighbourhood that is also home to what are considered some of the best restaurants in Puerto Rico. The lobby of the El San Juan in Isla Verde usually has live music and dancing on weekends. The bar of course isn't free but there's no charge to get in. The dancers can be intimidatingly good so the less-skilled may be content just to watch the scene. A number of restaurants and hotels also regularly advertise free salsa lessons.

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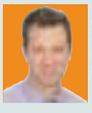
Travel tips

Winter dreaming? Go west...



ON THE MOVE
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British Columbia is heaven for winter sports enthusiasts. Here are a few ski destinations worth experiencing.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is situated in Golden along B.C.'s Powder Highway, a route linking together eight mountain resorts. With its four Alpine Bowls and the fourth highest vertical drop in Canada, Kicking Horse has a reputation as the place for "hard core skiers."

With no village and a handful of slope side services, this resort is indeed for people whose primary interest is hitting the slopes. However, the mountain boasts runs suited to all levels.

From your bar stool in the Eagle's Eye Restaurant at the summit, enjoy an incredible view of five of the National Parks surrounding the resort.

Cat skiing at the Island Lake Mountain Resort outside of Fernie is the epitome of backcountry luxury. Your day starts with avalanche survival training and then you are off with a packed lunch as you search for untouched alpine bowls and gorgeous glades via a Caterpillar.

A one-hour drive from Kelowna International Airport, Silver Star Mountain Resort is designed for Alpine and Nordic skiers, snow-shoers and snowmobilers to share. The My1Pass includes lift tickets and unlimited access to all Nordic trails, snowshoe trails, the Tube Town Adventure Park and ice skating at Brewer's Pond.

Falling in love with Marrakech

City of romance?
Moroccan destination's beauty and old-world charm make it the perfect place for a lover's escape

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Immerse yourself in the Moroccan way of life in Marrakech. SCOTT PRESLY/FLICKR

Marrakech — bustling hub of Moroccan tourism.

Not your idea of the perfect romantic destination?

The Riad Flam might change your perception.

Nestled in the very heart of the medina, Riad Flam boasts luxury and elegance behind its walls.

With only nine beautifully decorated bedrooms embracing a lovely patio with a fountain, this is the place to experience intimacy in a refined environment.

Dim lights, marble floor, four-poster bed and wooden furniture are your first step to your thousand-and-one nights romantic getaway.

The silence of the place will pleasantly surprise you as you return from shopping in the souks or markets. Slowly the mix of sounds you brought back from the Jemâa-El-Fna Plaza will dissolve in the faint murmur of the patio fountain. Any fatigue from your exploration of historic Marrakech will melt away while you unwind in your private hammam, or Turkish bath. Flam, the Riad's female owner, will perform the traditional hammam treatment that will leave you relaxed, rejuvenated and ready to taste local delicacies.

The choice is yours: eating on the terrace under a sky bright with stars or in the oriental-style living room. Local cuisine includes lamb tajines, vegetarian couscous, Moroccan salads, cinnamon and spices, dates and oranges.

Ready to embrace the day as the sun rises? Opt for a hot air balloon adventure before dawn and admire sunrise on the desert.

Ask Abdelai at the front desk to make arrangements with Maroc Montgolfière for this amazing three-hour experience.

If living the Arabic way of life is what you are looking for, get lost in the maze of souks and make your way back to Jemâa-El-Fna Plaza for sunset. From the rooftop of Café Glacier you will enjoy an unparalleled view of the famous Plaza and the city as the amber light colours the red facades of the houses.

As the day turns into night, the call for prayer will resonate in the entire city and the Jemâa-El-Fna Plaza will come to life with snake charmers, salesmen, acrobats and jugglers.

It won't be long until you surrender to the flurry of activity.

Back to your Riad nest, gazing at the stars, you will engrave the moment in your memory forever, happy you chose enchanting Morocco for your Valentine's Day.

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It's the perfect time for date night, wouldn't you agree?

Perfect with a glass of wine and a wedge of your favourite cheese, these crackers containing Medjool dates are a great savoury treat with a hint of sweetness.

Medjool dates, which have been called the "king of dates," are semi-soft and exceptionally large. They're carried year-round by major and mid-sized grocery chains across Canada.

1. Heat oven to 160 C (325 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a food processor, pulse pistachios until finely chopped. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the flour and dates. Pulse until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add olives and pulse until mixed. Add remaining flour, orange zest, salt, baking powder and pepper. Pulse until well mixed.

3. In a small bowl, whisk egg and set aside 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the beaten egg for glazing. Add remaining egg and olive oil to food processor. Pulse until mixture comes together.

4. Turn dough out onto lightly floured board and knead gently. Flatten into a disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, 1 hour.

Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pistachios, shelled
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped (5 to 6 dates)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) orange zest
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) baking powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) black pepper
- 1 egg
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Medjool Date, Nut and Olive Crackers

This recipe makes about 12 crackers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

5. Using lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Cut into 6-cm (2 1/2-inch) rounds. Place on a prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with remaining beaten egg. Bake in centre of oven until golden brown, 22 mins.

6. Let cool on a rack. Store in an airtight container up to 3 days. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Drink of the Week

Amore Martini

There's just something seductive about a martini. Show your guests and sweethearts alike that you love them with this Amore Martini.

The sweetness of the passion fruit and the sour twist of lemon will ensure an ideal balance of flavour.

- 2 oz Campari
- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
- 0.5 oz Passion fruit liqueur
- Dash of fresh lemon juice

Mix Campari, SKYY Vodka, passion fruit liqueur and dash of fresh lemon juice in a shaker filled with ice.

Shake and serve in a cocktail glass.

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Tantalize guests with sweet ravioli filled with date compote

Probably unlike any ravioli you've ever tasted, these dessert ravioli melts in your mouth. The compote filling also makes a great addition for a tray containing cheese and crackers.

Medjool dates, substantially larger than the Deglet Noor variety, which is usually available dried, are a rich source of fibre, potassium and magnesium as well as being fat- and sodium-free. They taste sweet but contain only 66 calories each.

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1. Compote: In a saucepan, combine wine, sugar and honey and simmer over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Add cinnamon stick and dates, reduce heat to low and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool and remove cinnamon stick. Strain any excess liquid and transfer to food processor and process for 10 to 15 seconds to fine consistency.

2. Pastry: In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, whirl flour with salt for a few seconds until blended. Add cold butter and process until mixture has the texture of coarse crumbs. Add ice water and pulse a few more times. Turn mixture into a bowl and bring together with your hands. It should leave the bowl clean. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 minutes.

3. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Divide dough into 2 pieces, one slightly larger than the other. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and lightly flour rolling pin. Roll out the smaller piece into a 30-by-25-cm (12-by-10-inch) rectangle. Brush with some of the egg.

4. Starting 2.5 cm (1 inch) from a corner, place 5 ml (1 tsp) of compote every 5 cm (2 inches). You should have 30 dollops of compote. Roll out the larger piece into a 33-by-28-cm (13-by-11-inch) rectangle. Carefully place this larger sheet over the bottom sheet and compote. Gently press pastry to seal pockets around each dollop of compote.

5. Using sharp knife, cut pastry into 5-cm (2-inch) squares and seal edges with a fork, or use a ravioli mould. Make a small cut in the top of each ravioli and brush each with beaten egg.

6. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or just until slightly golden brown. Let cool on a rack and dust with powdered sugar. Serve warm. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Ingredients

Medjool Date Compote
- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine (a bold and fruity wine is best)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 10 to 12 Medjool dates, pitted and quartered

Pastry
- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold, unsalted butter, cut into chunks
- Ice water
- 1 egg, beaten
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

Dessert. Vanilla Date Balls

These little bites of decadence are the perfect balance of sweetness. Make them ahead and keep them in the refrigerator for tasty treats to serve after dinner to guests and family members.

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper and set aside.

2. In a small saucepan, combine dates, orange juice, butter and brown sugar. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook, stirring, for about 12 minutes or until very soft and thickened. Stir in vanilla; set aside to cool completely.

3. Stir in cookie crumbs and coconut until well combined. Place sugar on a plate or in a shallow bowl. Using rounded 5-ml (1-tsp) measuring spoon, scoop out mixture and roll into ball. Roll ball in sugar until completely coated and place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining mixture.

4. Place in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or until set and firm. Package in single layers in airtight container or cookie tins and keep refrigerated for up to 3 weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) pure vanilla extract
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chocolate cookie crumbs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sweetened flaked coconut
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) granulated sugar, for rolling

Logging onto LinkedIn is one thing, presenting your persona is another

Success on the screen. Get some networking know-how from a LinkedIn liaison

TINA CHADHA
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Nicole Williams asserts that statistically speaking, engaging with LinkedIn once a week can increase your chances of having your profile viewed by a recruiter tenfold. ISTOCK

Finding a new job may be as easy as adding a photo to your LinkedIn profile. Nicole Williams, spokeswoman for the site and career coach extraordinaire, shows us how to make the world's largest professional networking site work for us.

Add more than one position

Your profile is 12 times more likely to be viewed if you have more than one position listed. It really is worth taking the time, even if you worked in a different industry. One great example is a friend who said, "I used to work in nursing years back and now I'm in marketing. There's no connection between it."

It turns out that Proctor and Gamble was looking for someone who had a background in medicine and that was what ended up putting her ahead. So list positions including internships and volunteer work.

Recruiters are on LinkedIn and by virtue of the way they're searching, using key words and the duration of your career, they'll be able to find you better.

Share something

On your profile page there is a share component. Say you've read a great article — share it with your community. You should be sharing so that you're top-of-mind. You're illustrating the fact that you're learning things and you become known as an influencer within your community.

Add a photograph already

Your profile is seven times more likely to be viewed if you add a photograph. We use the analogy of, you're looking for a house and (the listing) is fantastic and you're like, 'This is perfect for me,' and then there's no picture. The question is, 'Is this legitimate?' That's what ends up happening on your profile. A photograph legitimizes who you are. And smile. Add some energy to it.

Aim for at least 50 connections

Fifty is the magic number in terms of making professional connections and taking advantage of a second- and third-tier relationship. But the whole strategy is really about quality and not quantity. It's all about having relationships that matter, people who you can actually call on if you need them. It's not like Facebook or Twitter where numbers indicate influence. Really, this is about who you could actually pick up the phone and ask for a career-related favour.

Engage

People don't realize they can take advantage of groups on LinkedIn. If you're in an industry, look for the top-rated industry groups.

Because these people are attached to their professional affiliations, the kind of discussions they're having are very educated. The groups allow you to spread your working wings a little further without having to leave your home. These are, essentially, networking resource information groups that you can be a part of very easily.

Don't forget the past

"Your profile is 12 times more likely to be viewed if you have more than one position listed."

Nicole Williams
Spokeswoman for LinkedIn and career coach

Expert advice

Making connections

- "If there is someone in your industry who you'd like to get to know, don't use the standard connection request. Send a tailored note," says Williams.
- "Create some kind of reference that you have in common. Whether or not you went to the same school or perhaps you've read something about this person in an industry magazine. You can say, 'Hey, congratulations! That's great work. I'd really love to follow your career. You're doing something really interesting and I'd love to learn from you.'"
- "That kind of connection request is going to garner a response so much more so than the standard request."

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While many Aboriginal people reside in major cities today, there are still a significant number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who come from small, remote communities to attend college or university.

If they hope to successfully adjust to life in a larger city and maybe one day start their career there, it's important for these students — many of whom may be the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education — to build their networks starting from day one.

Take advantage of Aboriginal service and career centres

A number of universities have specialized career centres and services for their Aboriginal students. At the University of Regina's Aboriginal Career Centre, for instance, students can benefit from educational and career planning services, partnerships with local employers and the Aboriginal community and internship programs.

The University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) is another example. Students have access to a range of programs and services at the ASSC: connections to Aboriginal traditions and culture, elder services, guidance, emotional support, funding for tutoring and workshops and volunteer opportunities.

"It comes down to the networking and connections," says Shana Dion, director at the ASSC. "A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"

Know you're an asset

Many employers want new hires who come with relevant experience. While this is true, Dion says there are those who are willing to work with students who might not have that experience.

Career centres are there to help students find their way into the workforce, the next stage in their lives. ISTOCK

She advises Aboriginal students who are currently making the school-to-work transition to believe in themselves and know that they are of value to organizations.

Meeting mentors

"A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"

Shana Dion
Director at the University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Services Centre

"Somebody might not come with connections to so many communities, understanding protocols, knowing who elders are, knowing who community members are in certain areas where an industry might need to connect," Dion explains. "So if a student is from a certain area and chooses to work with a certain industry leader, maybe that industry leader works with that community.

You have a connection already with that community. That's an asset. You know what I mean? They don't have to build that."

It's important to acknowledge that each person comes with unique past experiences, journeys, knowledge, skills and relationships which can be a benefit to any organization, says Dion.

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The world of work wants you. Job search strategies for Aboriginal students and recent grads

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If corporate Canada could say one thing to Aboriginal students and recent grads, it would be: "We want you!"

Seriously. First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who have completed or are pursuing post-secondary education are hugely in demand — and it's not just a diversity thing. "Corporations understand the value you bring to their business, such as new customers and new ways of thinking," says Roberta Hewson, national director of Aboriginal workplace inclusion at the Aboriginal Human Resource Council.

Plus, with so many baby boomers retiring over the next decade, employers can no longer overlook a talent pool that is growing at six times the rate of the non-Aboriginal population.

As a young Aboriginal person in Canada, how can you take advantage of all of the unique opportunities available for Inuit, First Nations and Métis students to set yourself up for success?

Seize the opportunity

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Apply for awards, scholarships and bursaries

Employers, educational institutions, government and non-profit organizations, and private citizens have created hundreds of awards, scholarships and bursaries specifically for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

But, according to Hewson, many of them go unclaimed each year because not a single application is submitted. "Companies call me regularly to ask me if I know anybody who might be interested in applying to their award because it's getting close to the closing date and they have no applicants."

Applying for these opportunities could help you pay for school, get an internship, summer job or entry level job in your field and raise your profile among employers and in your community. Think of it this way, Hewson says: if it takes you two hours to complete the application for an award that's worth $3,000, and you win it, you made $1,500 an hour.

Find out which employers value Aboriginal employees and diversity

More and more employers are bringing their diversity and inclusion policies out of their HR departments and right into their job descriptions, career websites and recruitment advertising.

While you research jobs and employers on TalentEgg.ca or other websites, pay attention to whether or not they mention diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as a desire to hear from historically marginalized candidates, such as women, visible minorities, people with disabilities, Aboriginal peoples, youth, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people.

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Teach the tough and the true

Prioritizing the past.
Why Indigenous studies classes are more important today than ever before

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With the critical thinking and writing skills that Indigenous studies programs foster, Mallory Whiteduck says that graduates should be able to expect jobs in areas similar to others with bachelor of arts degrees. ISTOCK

With all that is being publicized in the media in respect to Idle No More, it's essential to understand the importance of enrolling in Indigenous studies classes. I asked Mallory Whiteduck — whom I met while I was studying at Carleton University — for her perspective.

Originally from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Whiteduck completed her bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Ottawa and then went on to do her master's degree in Canadian studies at Carleton University. For two years she worked as a researcher at the Native Women's Association of Canada, in their Sisters in Spirit initiative. Whiteduck has been working with Carleton University's Centre for Aboriginal Culture and Education (CACE) since 2010.

What is your role as an Aboriginal cultural liaison officer?
In the very broadest sense, my role here is to help to "Indigenize" the university. Our office has helped to create systemic change at the university, for example by contributing to Carleton's Aboriginal Coordinated Strategy, which was approved by the University Senate.

Another big part of my job is working with youth on the ground. I travel across Ontario and parts of Quebec, visiting Aboriginal youth on and off-territory, and in communities and urban areas, to promote post-secondary education and opportunities for Aboriginal students at Carleton.

What kinds of skills can be gained in Aboriginal studies programs that cannot be gained in other academic disciplines?
Learning how to think critically is an important skill that is taught in Indigenous studies programs.

We can't eliminate Canada's history of colonization from our identity simply because it's not a pretty story. To do that would be denying Canadian children the opportunity to truly understand their Anishinaabe, Inuit, Onkwehonwe, Métis and other Indigenous friends and neighbours. Being able to think critically about Canada and its relationship with Aboriginal peoples will provide Indigenous studies graduates with a deeper understanding of where they are from.

Student voice

On facing a fork in the internship road

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I always knew a BA in English wasn't going to make it easy to get a job, but I thought having a university degree would at least count for something. Turns out, not so much. I ended up going back to school and just recently finished a post-grad publishing program at Ryerson.

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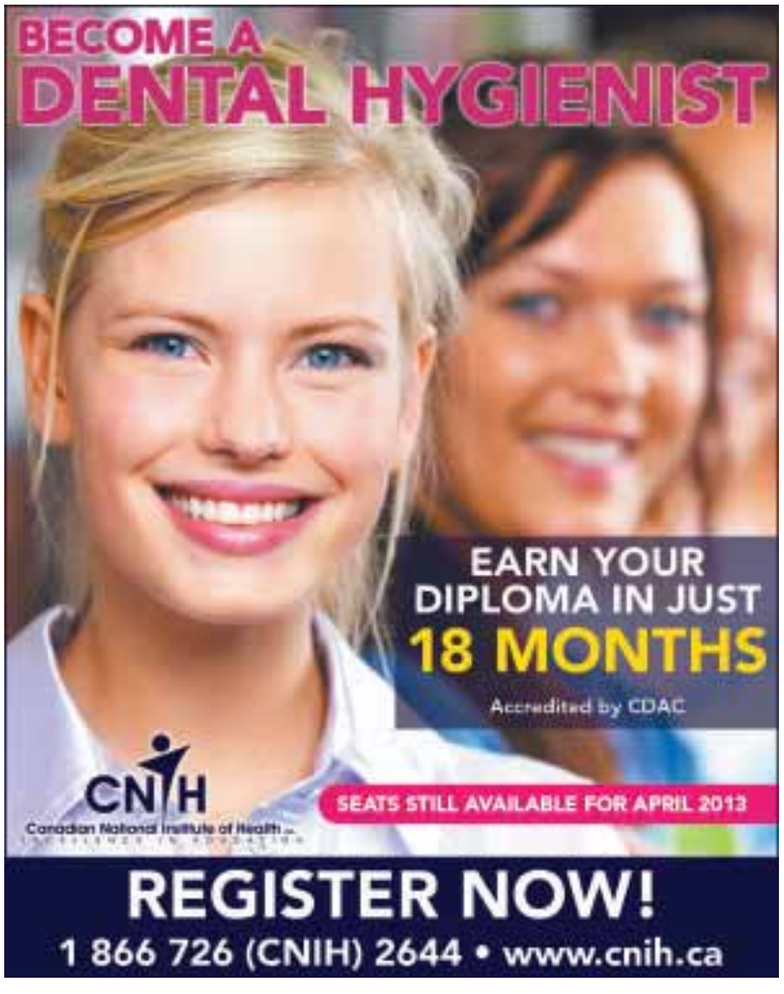

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Student voice

On facing a fork in the internship road

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My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

Maybe the whole university model just needs an overhaul. What is the point in all the book learning if we never get any of the experience we need to actually get a job? Sure, I can write a comparative essay on The Great Gatsby and some obscure short story in one of my literature anthologies, but who cares?

I think every BA program should have a co-op or work study component, no matter what the focus is.

If I could go back, I would probably go to college instead, because the practical experience is so much more valuable than the book smarts.

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Winnipeg Jets' Blake Wheeler tries to stop Philadelphia Flyers Wayne Simmonds, centre, from knocking the puck in past Jets goaltender Al Montoya Tuesday in Winnipeg. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jets lack scoring touch vs. Bryzgalov

NHL. Winnipeg starting goalie Al Montoya leaves game due to injury

The Philadelphia Flyers shook off a loss in Toronto the night before to beat the Winnipeg Jets 3-2 Tuesday night and win their second road game of the current NHL season.

Brayden Schenn, Kimmo Timonen and Tye McGinn scored for the Flyers (6-7-1), coming off a 5-2 loss in Toronto. Jakub Voracek had two assists.

Andrew Ladd scored both goals for the Jets (5-6-1), the last in the dying seconds. Winnipeg was coming off a 1-0 win in Ottawa on Saturday.

Ilya Bryzgalov was solid in net for the Flyers, who were outshot 26-23.

Al Montoya recorded his first loss as a starter for the Jets, with two wins including Saturday's 1-0 shutout, when he took over for a flu-stricken Ondrej Pavelec.

Pavelec replaced him in the third after what was reported as a lower-body injury for Montoya.

The Flyers took a 2-1 lead in the first, even though they were outshot 9-6 by the Jets.

This was Winnipeg's and Philadelphia's first meeting this season.

It was also the first game defenceman Dustin Byfuglien has played since the Jets visited Montreal. He got a massive cheer when his name was announced in the starting lineup.

The Jets went into the game with the most productive defence in the NHL at 34 points, led by top-scorer Tobias Enstrom with 13 points. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Tuesday

Flyers	Jets
3	2

CFL

Eskimos sign slotback to contract extension

The Edmonton Eskimos signed all-star slotback Fred Stamps to a contract extension Tuesday.

The deal will keep Stamps under contract with Edmonton through the 2014 season.

Stamps finished second in CFL receiving last season with 70 catches for 1,310 yards and nine TDs.

The six-year veteran has surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving plateau four straight years and been named a league all-star each time.

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CFL

Argos acquire veteran receiver

Ricky Foley wants to return to the Toronto Argonauts, and the free agent defensive end says he offered to take a pay cut.

His future with the Grey Cup champions remains unclear, however, with the CFL free agent market set to open Friday at noon. Foley, running back Chad Kackert and defensive back Evan McCollough are all eligible.

"Obviously I want to stay with the Argos and play in my hometown, but this is a cold-hearted business and it's no longer up to me if I come back," said Foley, 30.

GM Jim Barker, dealing with a $4.35-million salary cap, signed his first big free agent on Tuesday — former Calgary receiver Romby Bryant. In five seasons, three with the Stamps and two with Winnipeg, the 33-year-old caught 210 passes for 3,025 yards and 22 touchdowns. Last season he had 55 receptions for 678 yards and two scores.

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Canadian wrestlers floored

Chopping block.
Athletes across the country react with mix of disappointment and determination to IOC announcement

More than 25 years and two Olympians later, Regina wrestling coach Leo McGee was shocked to hear wrestling had been voted out of the 2020 Olympics games.

"It was absolutely a surprise in that if there was one sport that was almost sacred, it was wrestling," said McGee. He was one of several people involved with the sport that were caught off guard by the International Olympic Committee announcing on Tuesday it intends to cut wrestling from the Olympic program.

McGee has coached men's and women's wrestling at the University of Regina for the last 26 years, including Olympians Ali Bernard and Dean Schmeichel. For him, no matter what happens on the Olympic world stage, wrestling will remain an important sport in Canada.

"The end of wrestling? Absolutely not. I think the sport is too strong, it's too institutionalized in the high school system across the country and the educational system," said MeGee.

Mitch Ostberg, head coach with the University of Calgary Dinos wrestling team, has been with the program for 22 years and coaches alongside Olympian Carol Huynh.

He said the decision could be potentially devastating to several of the up-and-coming athletes he oversees.

"The generation today that we're working with at the university age, if you look at an athlete development model, may well be looking at the 2020 Olympics as their opportunity," he said. "If you're dealing with a generation of kids that get an opportunity removed, that would be very disappointing."

Thinking about how wrestling is on the IOC's chopping block is like getting a kick in the stomach for Lonnie Ritchey — he says he feels like he's on his knees, hunched over, hoping to get his wind back.

"It'll take the wind out of wrestling for a little bit, but we're a resilient bunch," said Ritchey, who coached at Oshawa Central Collegiate Institute for 26 years, until the school stopped the program this fall.

Ritchey said he'd encourage young wrestlers not to focus on the IOC executive board's decision.

"I'd direct them back into wrestling. Go to your local club and seek out sponsorship and continue to wrestle."

Meanwhile Ottawa wrestler Devon Nicholson says the news gave him a new goal in addition to curing himself of Hepatitis C and ensuring a documentary about his life has a happy ending — get to Brazil in 2016.

"If I'm cured, I will give Greco Roman wrestling a shot in the next Olympics. It could be the last one that they have wrestling in," said Nicholson, ahead of s screening Mar. 3 of a new version of This is Hannibal — a story about his rise and fall in the world of WWE professional wrestling after allegedly contracting Hepatitis C in a match. METRO

Quoted

" That was an executive decision, it doesn't change the great wrestler you're going to be."

Lonnie Ritchey, a former wrestling coach at Oshawa Central Collegiate Institute in Ontario, on the IOC recommendation to drop wrestling from the Olympic program.

Wrestling's history

- **708 BC** Wrestling was the decisive and last discipline held in the Pentathlon.
- **1896** The Greco-Roman event (no weight classes) was the only wrestling event at the inaugural modern Olympics in Athens.
- **2004** Women were finally allowed to compete in freestyle wrestling (four weight classes) at the Olympics.
- **2008** B.C. native Carol Huynh made history with Canada's first gold medal in women's wrestling at the Beijing Olympics.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO IN VANCOUVER

University of Regina wrestling coach Leo McGee was surprised by the IOC decision to cut wrestling from its core sports for the 2020 Olympic games. APOLLO BELISLE/CONTRIBUTED

Great expectations after busy off-season not fazing Jays slugger

"The sky's the limit."

Jose Bautista isn't given to mixing words or their meanings, at least not when it comes to assessing the Toronto Blue Jays and the chances for a playoff berth for the vastly retooled roster.

So when the two-time major-league home run king lends phrases like "the sky's the limit," there's a definite weight to them, even though optimism is high in virtually every major-league city at this time of year.

"I know I've been on other teams and one that didn't have a chance (to be in the playoffs), but this is different, this is the best team I've been on in my career ... I don't see where it can go wrong for us," Bautista said Tuesday when pitchers and catchers were undergoing physicals in advance of Wednesday's first official reporting date for spring training.

Bautista's enthusiasm was buoyed by the massive, off-season retooling of the Jays that brought on proven major leaguers like pitchers R.A. Dickey, Josh Johnson, and Mark Buehrle, as well as infielder Jose Reyes and outfield Melky Cabrera.

"If we do what we are all capable of then it should come together for us, it will take care of itself," Bautista said. "We should be able to go to the playoffs and hopefully the World Series."

Bautista stood two years ago in the same place at the Flora Auto Exchange Stadium in Dunedin, having just signed a five-year contract extension. That new deal signalled the beginning of a change in responsibility for Bautista, who became the Jays focal player back then, and is living up to that role now.

"When I first signed that deal I wasn't just counting on the young players to come through," said Bautista, who didn't sign the deal before gaining some measure of assurance from management regarding the club's direction.

"I was counting on Alex (GM Anthopoulos) building a contender that could compete in a sustainable way for years to come. And he (Anthopoulos) came through on his words." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Blue Jay Jose Bautista looks on during batting practice in Dunedin, Fla., on Tuesday. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quoted

"Being part of this team and contributing to what looks like a special season is very exciting to me." Jose Bautista

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	13	8	2	3	35	28	19
Pittsburgh	13	8	5	0	41	32	16
NY Rangers	11	6	5	0	29	27	12
Philadelphia	13	5	7	1	31	38	11
NY Islanders	12	4	7	1	36	43	9

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	10	8	1	1	29	21	17
Toronto	13	8	5	0	39	33	16
Ottawa	13	7	4	2	33	23	16
Montreal	11	6	4	1	31	30	13
Buffalo	14	5	8	1	39	48	11

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	12	7	4	1	38	36	15
Tampa Bay	11	6	5	0	43	32	12
Winnipeg	11	5	5	1	30	37	11
Florida	11	4	6	1	25	40	9
Washington	12	3	8	1	30	41	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	12	10	0	2	42	25	22
Detroit	12	7	4	1	33	32	15
Nashville	12	5	3	4	24	26	14
St. Louis	12	6	5	1	39	40	13
Columbus	13	4	7	2	30	41	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	11	7	2	2	33	24	16
Edmonton	12	5	4	3	28	30	13
Minnesota	12	6	5	1	26	30	13
Calgary	10	3	4	3	26	35	9
Colorado	11	4	6	1	23	29	9

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	11	8	2	1	39	31	17
San Jose	12	7	3	2	36	28	16
Phoenix	13	6	5	2	35	35	14
Dallas	12	6	5	1	26	28	13
Los Angeles	11	4	5	2	26	32	10

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results
Carolina 4 New Jersey 2
Ottawa 2 Buffalo 0
NY Rangers at Boston
Montreal at Tampa Bay
Washington at Florida
Philadelphia at Winnipeg
San Jose at Nashville
Anaheim at Chicago
Dallas at Edmonton
Minnesota at Vancouver

Monday's results
Carolina 6 NY Islanders 4
Toronto 5 Philadelphia 2
Columbus 6 San Jose 2
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 1
Phoenix 3 Colorado 2 (OT)
Minnesota 2 Calgary 1 (SO)

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Friday's games
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	11	12	23
Kane, Chi	9	10	19
Zetterberg, Det	5	13	18
Stamkos, TBL	7	10	17
Crosby, Phg	5	12	17
St. Louis, TBL	3	13	16
Malkin, Phg	3	13	16
Marleau, SJ	10	5	15
Clarkson, NJ	9	6	15
Tavares, NYI	7	8	15
Kunitz, Phg	6	9	15
Thornton, SJ	3	12	15
Staal, Car	8	6	14
Pominville, Buf	6	8	14
Pavelski, SJ	6	8	14
Ribeiro, Wash	4	10	14
Selanne, Ana	4	10	14
Elias, NJ	3	11	14
Moulson, NYI	6	7	13
Datsyuk, Det	5	8	13
Gagner, Edm	4	9	13
Koivu, Ana	4	9	13
Enstrom, Win	2	11	13
Shattenkirk, StL	1	12	13
Skinner, Car	7	5	12
Hossa, Chi	6	6	12
Toews, Chi	6	6	12
Couture, SJ	6	6	12
Lecavalier, TBL	5	7	12
Hodgson, Buf	5	7	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	14	.714	—
New York	32	17	.653	3
Indiana	31	21	.596	5 1/2
Chicago	30	21	.588	6
Brooklyn	30	22	.577	6 1/2
Atlanta	28	22	.560	7 1/2
Boston	27	24	.529	9
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	10 1/2
Philadelphia	22	28	.440	13 1/2
Toronto	**20**	**32**	**.385**	**16 1/2**
Detroit	20	33	.377	17
Cleveland	16	36	.308	20 1/2
Washington	15	35	.300	20 1/2
Orlando	15	36	.294	21
Charlotte	12	39	.235	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	41	12	.774	—
Oklahoma City	39	12	.765	1
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4 1/2
Memphis	32	18	.640	7 1/2
Denver	33	20	.623	8
Golden State	30	21	.588	10
Utah	28	24	.538	12 1/2
Houston	28	25	.528	13
Portland	25	27	.481	15 1/2
L.A. Lakers	24	28	.462	16 1/2
Dallas	22	29	.431	18
Minnesota	19	30	.388	20
Sacramento	19	33	.365	21 1/2
New Orleans	18	34	.346	22 1/2
Phoenix	17	35	.327	23 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Tuesday's results
Toronto 109 Denver 108
Miami 117 Portland 104
Sacramento at Memphis
Oklahoma City at Utah
Houston at Golden State
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

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Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Findings on the new Forester

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Fuel economy

The 2.5 is estimated at 9.5 l/100 km in the city and 7.4 on the highway with the CVT, while the 2.0XT's estimate is 10.2/8.4. These values improve on the previous-generation's base and optional power trains.

2014 Subaru Forester

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engine (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC H4 (170); 2.0-litre DOHC H4, turbocharged (250)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable with opt. paddle shifters
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $28,550

The base engine is thrifty and has enough power for most situations. The turbo option is our choice.

Design

The bolder, brawnier styling displays more curves and angles than before. The blacked-out lower body cladding featured on all models ties in nicely with the more expressive mesh-style grille, flat-black bumper and attractively shaped side air intakes featured on up-level turbo models.

Transmission

The 2.5i offers a six-speed manual transmission, or a continuously variable (CVT) option. The 2.0XT only comes with the CVT, but it comes with what Subaru calls its "engine performance management system" with Intelligent, Sport and Sport Sharp settings.

Review. Subaru's wonder wagon adds refinement plus a more satisfying right-foot workout.

MALCOLM GUNN
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You would think that after 15 years and three generations of Forester that Subaru would have concocted the ideal formula for its tallest tall wagon.

Actually this car-based conveyance has contained mostly all the right ingredients ever since its 1998-model-year launch and the fourth generation model arriving this spring is dishing up more of the same.

Through clockwork-regular updating, the Forester has evolved into a steady performer that treats its passengers well and totes their belongings with ease.

The Forester sits on a new platform that modestly stretches the distance between the front and rear wheels. That translates into a bit more rear legroom (up-level trims add a reclining rear seat), but a taller roofline and lower load floor adds about 10 per cent more cargo volume with the split-folding rear seat folded flat.

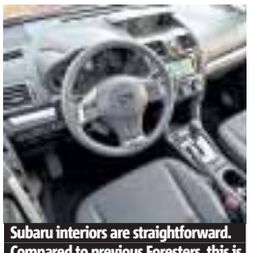
The cabin's more formal control-panel layout is trimmed in satin nickel and optional leather. Subaru's designers also increased the distance between the front seats and the dash to create a greater sense of spaciousness.

The Forester's only significant carryover item is the 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine (installed in 2.5i models) that generates 170 horsepower and 174 pound-feet of torque. For added punch, the 2.0XT uses a turbocharged version of the 2.0-litre four-cylinder in the BRZ sports coupe. Rated at 250 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque, it replaces the previous 2.5-litre turbo engine option that produced 224 horsepower and 226 pound-feet. The engine, which apparently won't fit into the BRZ, does show potential, however, for a future application.

The Forester's admirers likely won't be disappointed with this latest iteration's crisp styling, added performance and improved fuel efficiency.

What's not to like about room for five and good fuel economy?

When the need arises, the vehicle's four-wheel drive mountain-goat capabilities make it a popular choice.



Subaru interiors are straightforward. Compared to previous Foresters, this is actually quite an upgrade.

By comparison

1 Ford Escape
Base price: $23,150

2 Hyundai Tucson
Base price: $21,800

3 Honda CR-V
Base price: $27,600

5 DRIVE

The electric car of Cadillacs

Toronto Auto Show. ELR to join Volt and Karma in Extended Range Electric Vehicle territory

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The 2014 Cadillac ELR is focusing on making the driver look good. HANDOUT

The 2014 Cadillac ELR is one of the cooler-looking brand-new production cars taking the stage at this week's auto show in Toronto.

It also makes GM a pioneer of sorts. Not like the folks on Little House on the Prairie, looking for really nice farming dirt. More like Thomas Edison, looking for new things that can be powered by electricity.

The Cadillac ELR is slated to start production late this year for an early 2014 on-sale date. That's when we'll find out if luxury buyers, already willing to pay a premium for a luxury ride and all it entails, are also willing to pay a bit extra for an electric powertrain.

Technically the ELR is not a pure electric vehicle. Like the Chevrolet Volt, it has an electric motor and an internal combustion engine, the latter used primarily for re-charging the ELR's battery so the vehicle is always "electrically" driven. You can also recharge it by plugging it in. Officially, GM calls it an Extended Range Electric Vehicle.

The only other extended range electric vehicles currently on the market would be the $42,000 Chevrolet Volt and the $100,000-plus Fisker Karma. A little too conveniently, all GM would say about ELR's projected price is that it would be more than Volt, less than Karma.

Cadillac is figuring, like Fisker and some others, that electricity is high-tech and desirable. But the styling of the ELR screams non-electric. You could very easily imagine it to be powered by something like a high-output V6.

The ELR is longer than the Cadillac ATS, but only offers the part-time rear seating area of a 2+2. The focus is clearly on the driver and making him or her feel good and look good.

While it has the same 1.4-litre "four" as Volt, and the same battery and electric motor set-up, it has slightly more power, due to new "battery discharge" software programming learned from Volt's first years on the road.

Handling should be several degrees better than Volt, due to a more advanced chassis, featuring 20-inch tires, a wide track, many aluminum pieces and a Watts Z-link rear suspension.

Among the many new and novel bits to ELR is Regen on Demand. When you need to slow down or come to a stop, you could use your brake pedal as usual, or you could engage Regen on Demand via paddle levers on the steering wheel. The experience is not unlike downshifting early on a manual transmission car. It's basic regenerative braking, as happens in all hybrid and EVs, but in Regen on Demand mode it does it with a lot more feeling, and a lot more electricity going back into the battery. Also neat is the system that allows drivers to select four driving modes: Sport — let's boogie; Tour — default setting; Mountain — gas engine actually provides some assistance to the electric motor; Hold — keeps your battery charge for when it might be more useful and efficient, like when you get to stop-and-go city traffic after a long commute.

It will be fun over the next few years, watching electric powertrains migrate to luxury segments, with more opportunity for styling and engineering advancements and experimentation. Let the pioneering games begin.

Details

Bullet Pointing the ELR:

- **EV range.** 56 km
- **EV plus gas range.** 480 km
- **Torque.** 298 lb-ft
- **Top speed.** 160 km/h
- **Looks.** Killer

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is tension in the air. Anything can happen at any moment. Go where your heart leads you today and don't worry about the consequences. It's OK to take a few risks. In fact, it's good for you.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
What happens today will take you by surprise, most likely because you have been fearing the worst. Could it be you were too negative in your evaluation of the situation? Of course. But now you know better.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make sure you keep an eye on what partners and loved ones and work colleagues are up to today. Above all, don't let them sign you up for anything you are not 100 per cent convinced is good for you.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Each sign is born with its own special talent and yours is your ability to sense what other people are feeling. Use that talent today to find out why someone you love feels under the weather then cheer them up.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You can do no wrong at the moment, but that does not mean you have permission to do what you know is very wrong indeed! Yes, you can push the envelope, a little, but don't push your luck too far.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Lay down the law and make sure everyone you have dealings with knows what is expected of them. Things have been a bit sloppy of late, so get your act together and make sure those around you do likewise.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There may be some major upheavals today but the Sun in Aquarius has you covered, so you don't have to worry too much. Other people may be a bit negative though, so watch out for harmful emotions.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If there is a social or career opportunity you would like to take advantage of then go for it — now, this very moment. The longer you sit there thinking about it, the more likely it is you'll miss out.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can go anywhere. You can do anything. You are the master of your own destiny in every conceivable way. You find that hard to believe? Well, start believing it because it's absolutely true. Never doubt yourself.

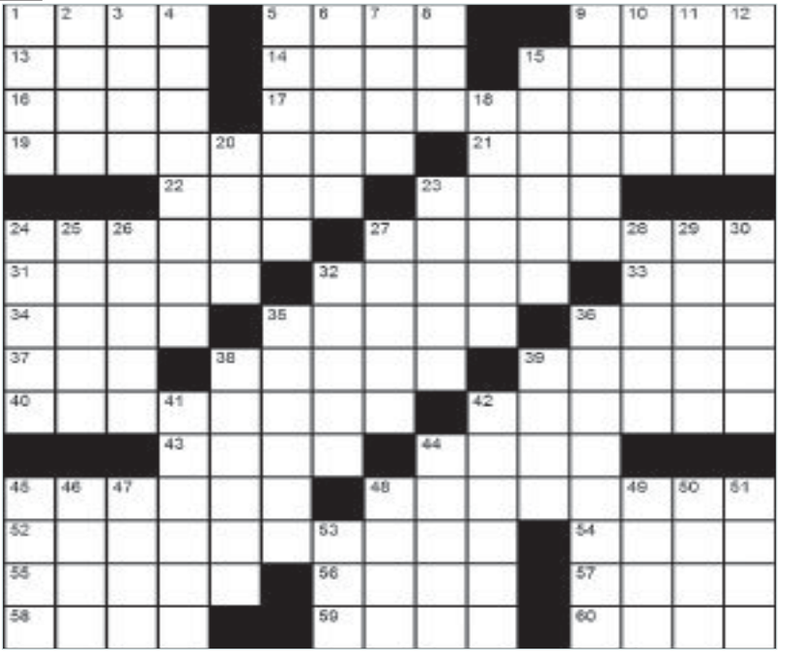
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to go on the offensive today. You need to make sure your rivals understand that you will not just stand there and take what they choose to give you. You're the one with the talent, so you do the choosing.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You know instinctively when other people are lying to you, and that ability will come in handy over the next 24 hours. You don't have to let them know you are on to them though, at least not yet.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone in authority seems to be asking a lot of you at the moment but there is a good reason for it, and an even better reason why you should play along. Maybe they are testing you for future promotion! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

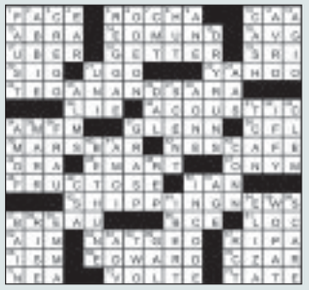
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ wash jeans
5. Slang for coffee
9. Comprehend
13. Memo
14. Adam and Eve's grandson
15. Spring flower
16. "_ __ Rock and Roll Music" by Peter, Paul and Mary
17. Canadian activist whose achievements include the Man In Motion World Tour: 2 wds.
19. Our national summer sport
21. Canadian filmmaker Atom
22. Pulitzer-winning writer James
23. Highbrow
24. Toronto concert venue, __ Hall
27. Canadian rap star, __ Offishall
31. Surface
32. "etalk" anchor Ms. Kim
33. Ginger __
34. Cooper car
35. Makes text thicker-looking
36. Take part
37. Ms. Ryan
38. Austin's state
39. Was angry
40. Margaret Atwood bestseller, The Blind __
42. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby, and others
43. Shabby __ (Interior design style)
44. Greek cheese
45. Tranquil
48. "__ Development"
52. Yes or No voting event in Quebec in 1980 and 1995
54. Positive
55. Apprehensive feeling
56. Crossword rendering of a bear's scratch-on-a-tree
57. Nile wader
58. __ Scale
59. Musical based on the work of T.S. Eliot
60. Wine holder

Down
1. Indigo dye source
2. Finale, in music
3. Suffix to 'Arthr'
4. Teen drama TV series
5. Football player's numbered top
6. Fennel-like flavour
7. Viva __ (Word-of-mouth)
8. Inquire
9. Obi-Wan __
10. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
11. Vitamins brand, __ _ Day
12. Las Vegas resorts mogul, Steve __
15. Tiered temple
18. Mr. Fonda's
20. S-shaped moulding
23. Alberta's Oil __
24. ABBA musical, __ Mia!
25. Ram's sign
26. Performs a tune
27. "Canadian Idol" Season 2 winner Mr. Porter
28. Ms. Campbell
29. 1979 Sigourney Weaver sci-fi movie
30. Loans
32. Britney Spears hit
35. Next to
36. "__ Park" (1993)
38. Vacation souvenir to wear
39. Destiny
41. Showbiz news show, "__ Hollywood"
42. Skin layer
44. Kiwi __
45. Stroller, in Britain
46. Letterman's rival
47. Kabul, __.
48. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
49. Marching band instrument
50. Greek goddess of discord
51. Office table
53. Ms. Kidman, to pals

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

6		9				5		
	1	3		4	9	2		
	7		2		5		1	
1	9		3				6	
			9	7	6			
	8				4		2	9
	6		4		7		5	
		5	8	1		6	9	
		8				1		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	8	1	6	4	7	3	5	2
4	2	3	8	1	5	6	7	9
6	7	5	9	2	3	1	8	4
8	3	6	2	5	4	9	1	7
1	5	9	3	7	8	4	2	6
2	4	7	1	9	6	8	3	5
5	6	8	4	3	2	7	9	1
3	9	2	7	6	1	5	4	8
7	1	4	5	8	9	2	6	3

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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